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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on September 23, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to October 23, 2003. If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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